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App. No. : 09/104,340
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AND ASSAY
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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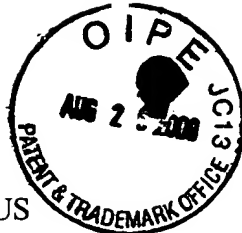
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 19, 2000 (paper No. 12), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An isolated polypeptide which is capable of binding a LERK, said polypeptide consisting essentially of [an amino acid sequence]exons selected from the group consisting of:

[an amino acid sequence encoded by] exon II of an Eph receptor tyrosine kinase gene;

[an amino acid sequence encoded by] exon II and exon III of an Eph receptor tyrosine kinase gene; and

[an amino acid sequence encoded by] exon I, exon II, and exon III of an Eph receptor tyrosine kinase gene.